

We are currently debating the Democrats' rule for the House Amendments to the Senate Amendments to H.R. 4899, the Supplemental.

Under no scenario that the Democrats have cooked up under this rule will the Troops be funded prior the July 4th Recess. Under the rule, if none of the amendments are adopted, the bill fails. Further, if any of the amendments are adopted, the bill is sent back to the Senate—yet the Senate left town for the July 4th Recess last night. **So, despite the pleas of Secretary Gates, General Petraeus, and the White House, our men and women in uniform, who are serving in the battlefield, WILL NOT be funded prior to the July 4th Recess because of the House's actions today.**

Please see below for an outline on the underlying bill, the Democrats' rule, and each amendment...

UNDERLYING BILL (SENATE AMENDMENTS)

The House will be working off the underlying Senate amendments to H.R 4899. However, the House will not vote on the substance of the Senate amendments (i.e. the Troop Funding). The Senate amendments provide:

- \$37.12 billion for Afghanistan and Iraq
- \$5.1 billion for FEMA
- \$2.9 billion for Haiti
- \$13 billion for Veterans, re: Agent Orange
- \$162 million for Gulf Oil Spill
- \$600 million in addition spending, including:
 - a. Farm Loans (\$31.5 million)
 - b. CDBG Disaster Assistance (\$100 million)
 - c. Mine Safety (\$22 million)
 - d. Guam (\$50 million)
 - e. Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission (\$2 million)
 - f. Capitol Police (\$13 million)
 - g. Highway Safety (\$15 million)

DEMOCRAT RULE: *Leadership and Ranking Member Dreier will vote NO.*

- **Scheme and Deem:** The rule will self-execute a “deeming” resolution for the overall FY11 302(a) spending in the House. That number will be \$1.12 trillion. That is \$31 billion increase over last year. While Democrats will say that this is less than the President's request, it is still an increase over last year's actual budget. Further, this will be the first time since the adoption of the Budget Act of 1974 that the House has failed to produce its own budget.
- **PAYGO:** We also expect the Rule to self-execute a PAYGO provision which will align the statutory PAYGO provision with the House PAYGO rule.
- **CBC Amendment #1:** The rule considers Amendment #1 adopted upon passage of the rule. This amendment, requested by the CBC, includes:
 - a. Summer Jobs (\$1 billion)
 - b. Native American and Black Farmer Settlements (\$3.5 billion)
 - c. SAFETEA-LU Formula Change
 - d. Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts
 - e. Black Liquor III

Following adoption of the rule, we will consider 4 amendments and vote each on each separately. Please see below for a quick description of each amendment...

OBEY AMENDMENT #2: *Leadership and Ranking Member Lewis will vote NO.*

- **Domestic Spending (\$16+ billion):**
 - a. Teachers (\$10 billion)
 - b. PELL Grants (\$4.95 billion)
 - c. Energy loans (\$180 million)
 - d. Gulf spill (\$142 million)
 - e. Schools on military installations (\$163 million)
 - f. Border (\$701 million)
 - g. Emergency Food Assistance (\$50 million)
 - h. New soldier processing center at Fort Hood (\$16.5 million)
- **Non-Spending Items:**
 - a. **Union Payback:** Guarantees collective bargaining rights for first responders employed by States and localities.
 - b. Iran Sanctions: Prohibits funding from being provided for any new contract unless the contractor has certified that it, and any entities it controls, does not engage in activity that could be sanctioned under section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.
 - c. No Fly List: Requires TSA to require commercial foreign air carriers to check the list of individuals TSA has prohibited from flying no later than 30 minutes after the list has been updated.
 - d. High-Value Detainees: Requires the FBI to submit the High-Value Detainee Interrogation procedures, and any updates to those procedures, to the Congress within 30 days.
- **Rescissions (\$11+ billion):**
 - a. Includes \$11.7 billion in rescissions, including over \$3 billion in Defense rescissions, \$2.2 billion from the Highway Trust Fund, \$800 million from education reform efforts (Race for the Top, Teacher Improvement Fund, and Charter Schools), and \$602 million for rural broadband.

AMENDMENT #3: *Leadership and Ranking Member Lewis will vote NO.*

- Strikes military funding for Afghanistan from the bill.
- The effect of the amendment would be to leave men and women serving in a war theater with little funding or resources whatsoever.

LEE (CA) AMENDMENT #4: *Leadership and Ranking Member Lewis will vote NO.*

- Withdrawal Language: Would limit war funds for Afghanistan to withdrawal-only activities of troops, thereby blocking the President's surge strategy.

McGOVERN/OBEY/JONES AMENDMENT #5: *Leadership and Ranking Member Lewis will vote NO.*

- Requires a new NIE on Afghanistan by January 31, 2011
- Requires a plan by April 4, 2011, on the safe, orderly, and expeditious redeployment of U.S. troops from Afghanistan.
- Restricts FY 2011 funds from being used in manner inconsistent with a July 2011 troop withdrawal from Afghanistan unless Congress subsequently votes next year to authorize funds for another purpose.

NOTE: The Administration has threatened a veto if any of amendments 2, 3, 4, or 5 are adopted.